(b) how many staffers in her Ministry have been proceeded against for corruption in various wings at the instance of CBI and how many have been chargc-shcctcd for malpractices, departmcntally; and

(c) how many have been convicted in the year 2001?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Chief Producer of Films Division has been placed under suspension on the recommendations of CBI.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal for daily telecast of "Uttaranchal Khabarsar" Programme

† 1551. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast daily the "Uttaranchal Khabarsar" Programme being telecast at 8.30 P.M. on every Sunday at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the arrangements Government propose to make for the dissemination of culture and development work of newly-formed Uttaranchal State?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Doordarshan has informed that no programme titled "Uttaranchal Khabarsar" is telecast.

(b) Docs not arise.

(c) Presently, following programmes produced by Doordarshan Kcndra, Dchradun (Uttaranchal) arc being telecast from DDK, Lucknow:—

(i) Sahityiki (covers literature and arts);

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(ii) Lok-Sangeet/Nritya (folk music);

(iii) Paryavaran/Kalacriti (Environment);

(iv) Mahilaon Ke Liye (Women's programme);

(v) Yuva Jagat (Youth Programme);

(vi) Kheti Bari (covers agriculture);

(vii) Samachar Darshan (covers news and current affairs) and

(viii) Sanskriti Karyakaram (covers literature and cultural programmes).

Discrimination in payment in AIR

1552. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those who give Urdu talk at All India Radio are paid less than those in English;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would remove this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) All India Radio has intimated that there is no discrimination in making payments to talkers in the same categories of programmes, on the basis of language. The approved fee structure has however, different rates for national and local level programmes.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.